

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of making a cable tie, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) forming a strap, said strap having a front end and a tail, said forming step comprising forming a length of continuously molded strap material and then cutting said continuously molded strap material to yield an individual strap of ~~desired length~~ finished size; and

(b) then, insert-molding a front portion onto said front end of said strap, said front portion comprising a head, said head being adapted to cooperate with said strap to form a locked closed loop.

2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said head is shaped to include a channel and a locking tang, said locking tang extending into said channel, and wherein said tail is shaped for insertion through said channel.

3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2 wherein said strap is shaped to include a plurality of teeth, said teeth lockably engaging said locking tang once inserted therepast.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

5. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said continuously molding step comprises using rotary extrusion molding.

6. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 5 wherein said cutting step comprises punch-cutting said continuously molded strap material to a desired individual strap length and shaping the front and tail ends of the strap.

7. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein each of said strap and said front portion is made of plastic and wherein said strap forming step and said insert-molding step are performed using identical grades of the same plastic.

8. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein each of said strap and said front portion is made of plastic and wherein said strap forming step and said insert-molding step are performed using different plastics.

9. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein each of said strap and said front portion is made of plastic and wherein said strap forming step and said insert-molding step are performed using different grades of the same plastic.

10. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said strap forming step comprises forming a mechanical adhesion promoting element proximate to the front end of said strap.

11. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 10 wherein said mechanical adhesion promoting element forming step comprises forming a hole proximate to the front end of said strap.

12. (Currently amended) A method of making a cable tie, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) continuously-molding a length of strap material using a rotary extrusion process, said length of strap material having a front end, a rear end and a bottom surface, said bottom surface being shaped to include along its entire length a plurality of laterally-extending teeth;

(b) then, cutting said length of strap material to yield a strap of ~~desired length~~ finished size, said individual strap having a front end and a tail; and

(b) then, insert-molding a front portion around said front end of said strap, said front portion comprising a head, said head being shaped to include a channel through which said tail may

be inserted and also being shaped to include a locking tang for lockably engaging said teeth once inserted therepast to form a locked closed loop.

13. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 12 further comprising, prior to said insert-molding step, the step of forming a transverse hole in said strap proximate to said front end of said strap and wherein said insert-molding step comprises molding through said transverse hole.

Claims 14-23 (Canceled).

24. (New) A method of making a plurality of cable ties, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) continuously-molding a length of strap material, said length of strap material having a front end and a rear end;

(b) then, cutting said length of strap material to yield a plurality of individual straps of finished size, each of said individual straps having a front end and a tail; and

(b) then, simultaneously insert-molding a front portion around said front end of each of a plurality of said individual straps, each of said front portions comprising a head, said head being shaped to include a channel through which said tail may be inserted and also being shaped to include means for engaging said strap to form a locked closed loop.

25. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24 wherein said strap is shaped to include a plurality of teeth and wherein said engaging means comprising a locking tang extending into said channel, said teeth lockably engaging said locking tang once inserted therepast.

26. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24 wherein said continuously molding step comprises using rotary extrusion molding.

27. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24 wherein said cutting step comprises punch-cutting said strap material and shaping the front and tail ends of the individual straps.